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1912 FOOTBALL RULES LOOK GOOD

Many Improvements Over Code of Last Year—Element of Luck Somewhat Lessened Among Teams

As the 1912 football season begins forcing its uncombed head into the things for near-future consideration, football coaches of the country face a situation very similar to that which existed a year ago. They are soon to enter upon work that will be mostly experimental.

Last year they began the gridiron campaign with a code of rules that had been slightly altered by the revisionists—they were to experiment with them, for none of the coaches knew, absolutely, what could be done with the changed regulations. The season, soon to be entered upon, presents much the same outlook; the rules have only a vague idea of what they shall be able to do with them.

At the beginning of the 1911 football period it was generally believed by coaches, players and those persons who closely follow the sport, that the fall campaign with the new rules would give the coaches opportunity for creating and developing plays which would make football less of a gamble and more of a test of brain and brawn. The season herein failed; it brought forth no system of plays by which one team was certain of asserting its supremacy over a rival.

Game Of Pure Chance.

Play during the season of 1911 was just as much a game of chance and luck as it had been in the autumn before; no coach, when his players went on the field of play, felt in the least assured that they were going to walk off that ground, a short time later with victory hanging at their belts. There were no sure scoring plays; there lies the fault of the play of last season. A Sam White, quick of brain, nimble and swift of feet and good of sight, was the best asset any team could possess. At any moment such a player might discover a free ball, nip it at a glance, and be off toward the goal of his opponents before the men of either side could react upon him in any place. Such a player was the most valuable property any eleven could possess.

Frinceton won the championship of the country to just such a man. Sam White (friction) (perhaps, perhaps) could score, but the best devised plays of the best coaches in the country could not be relied upon to go across the last chalk mark. In two of the contests which had a bearing on the championship, Sam White, playing for the Tigers, picked up the oval and raced to the only points of the contests. The teams against which the orange and the black contested had plays which had been regarded, early in the fall, as scoring devices. Under them they would not negotiate the final yards. The famous shift plays employed by Yale, which the season before, had proved so effective, were the scoring play had not come out of the brains of the greatest coaches in the world.

Failed To Produce Plays.

At the beginning of the season many coaches had felt confident of producing tricks that would win. But the fall of 1911 has passed away with no important development in the solid goal line, or to a position from

SOME STRANGE PLAYS FIGURE IN GOLF PLAY

A. W. Tillinghast, one of Philadelphia's leading golfers, believes the eighth hole of the Garden City Golf Club might well be termed "the hole of miracles" by reason of several strange happenings around that particular green. In two of these he participated.

The first time was a few years ago, when he was competing in a foursome in which Daniel Chauncey, former president of the United States Golf Association, was one of the players. The green is located on a knoll which is surrounded by trouble. Mr. Chauncey's ball was in the long grass to the left and the Quaker City player was in similar trouble to the right. By reason of the elevated green neither player could see the other. Quite by chance they played at about the same instant, each poking his ball too hard. The flying pellets would have gone over the green, but they met squarely and dropped within putting distance.

Peculiar Situation.
Early this year Mr. Tillinghast, when competing in the Garden City tournament against Mr. Parsons of Dyker Meadow, witnessed another peculiar situation. His opponent put his second shot into a sand pit to the left of the green and decided a niblick was the right instrument for the operation. He is a powerful player, and his stroke sent the ball flying far over the green into a brickyard. There are no boundaries at Garden City, and this brickyard is so far out of the line of play it never had been considered. The players found the ball easily, as it had stopped on the concrete roadbed of a tramway not more than three inches in front of the real rail.

Parsons had no chance to shoot for the green, and any possible shot would have been nearly parallel with the rail, which would have landed the ball in some other part of the yard. Neither of the men noticed at first that the portion of the rail near which the ball lay was on a small turn-table, but when Parsons stepped closer to

which a score was inevitable. It was a season of chance football, with the team of the best gridiron skill and strength often going down to disaster. **Some Defect.** Before a season unworthy of victory on the quality of its general play and coaching. Football always has presented situations in which an inferior eleven might score through some mere happenstance, but never had it afforded conditions in which good coaching and clever plays amounted to so little and pure chance counted so much as in the year 1911.

For the substantial good of football play the season of 1911 did little. Its best benefits were of a negative order; it demonstrated to the coaches what could not be done with the rules—taught them that the forward pass could not be used to good advantage in any large number of times taught them that the final five or ten yards could not be made against a strong line with any plays permissible under the 1911 playing code. It proved to them—proved conclusively—that the 1911 playing rules were detrimental to the great game. The season of 1911, therefore, must always be looked upon as a year of experimenting, in which the good results were few and in which it was demonstrated to the satisfaction of everybody—coaches, narrow-minded faculty members or spectators—that the rule-tinkering brigade had gone beyond reasonable limits in trying to make the gridiron sport safe and sane.

Change For Better Sport.

These same rule revisioners were busy again last winter. They saw clearly that they had given football a set of rules which would do more to kill the game than all the opposition of the most anti-rigid gridiron partisans. These men (most of them, at least) want football to live. They believe it is a good, clean game—just the sort of sport for healthy young Americans—and they have handed out another set of regulations, patterned more closely after the book of 1902 than any code that has been printed since the general upheaval in 1905, which threatened—and that seriously—the life of the greatest of college games. The new rules are what the football player will call sane, for they put a greater premium on skill and strength than did the rules of 1911. The new rule governing the number of downs required before the ball is forfeited strengthens the chances of the team that possesses superior weight and football brains. The lengthening of the field for the forward pass, making this play legal if it is executed so close to the goal line that it is caught when a few feet beyond the final chalk mark, promises greater scoring and adds to the chances of the team that has well conceived offensive plays for use when close to the opposing goal line.

In drafting the new code the rule makers have tried to benefit the offense. Last season the attacking side was unable to make any headway against a team that had mastered the fundamental principles of the defensive game. Effective scoring plays

the ball the table turned round, making the rails point towards the green. From the altered position the ball could be played to the green.

Afforded Discussion.
It was a laughable situation, but cut no figure in the result of the hole, as the Philadelphia was close to the hole on his second shot. The incident, however, afforded a lot of discussion at the clubhouse. Some argued that as the ball had been accidentally moved the player incurred a penalty stroke, while others pointed out that the ball had not moved, although its lie had. Secretary Wilson of the U. S. G. A. declared the national body never had tackled a similar problem, but believed the only rule to apply was that of the general penalty for improving a lie.

Playing the second hole of the public course at Jackson Park, Chicago, Dr. Clyde Cadwell of the Wheaton Golf Club recently had a strange experience. He pulled his tee shot into a trap, landing close to the side in a lot of "too good." He took his masher and endeavored to get as much distance as possible. He dug in hard and brought up a big chunk of clay with the ball in the middle of it, sticking to the club. Adopting a common sense view of the situation he shook the ball off and played three from the point where it fell, but the jokesters insisted he should have carried the ball on the end of his club up to the hole and then shaken it in and called it two.

Hit A Barrel.
At the Riverside Golf Club of Chicago, the eighth hole is bounded on the left by the Desplaines river, and it takes only a slight pull from the tee to land in the water. The club used to have a pontoon bridge formed of barrels. A club member on getting a bad pull and looking for the resultant splash, was greatly surprised when the ball hit the rounded side of one of the barrels and took a mighty bound back on to the fair green, enabling him to pitch for the green and notch a bogey four.

were not possible under the rules. For the coming year the regulations favor the offense; they have increased the possibilities for plays that will gain ground and win contests. They have given the eleven with superior skill and greater strength a better chance to prove its possession of these qualities.

Another Coaching Task.

These new regulations have again presented a problem for the coaches. Last season the tutors were forced to adapt their plays to restrictions of an altered code. Most of the plays they used a year ago will be abandoned for devices that will work effectively under the modified rules. Most of the arduous work of forming plays last season has gone for naught. The coaches will now have to spend another season in devising new tricks and trying them out. In many cases it will be far toward the end of the season before the coaches hit upon the plays that will bring big gains and scores. So this season will be another of experimenting. There is no doubt that the game will be improved a great deal under the rules of 1912, since the offensive side has been given more advantages than it enjoyed last fall. There will be more scoring, and the stronger eleven will, in most cases, prove its superiority. The coach who is quickest to perceive the possibilities of the new rules and form plays will win out in the end. A year ago coaches labored for hours in drafting plays, and training their teams to use them, but in actual contest these plays were generally proved of little value, for no offense, unless specially favored by fortune, could make advance against the defense that the average coach was able to construct. Of course, there were exceptions to this condition, but these exceptions were very few.

This fall promises to register credit for the coaches who have the football brains. The men who form effective plays will have the satisfaction of seeing them used to good advantage by players possessing football quickness, skill and strength.

CUP GIVEN FOR SENIOR EVENT

The matter of securing a suitable trophy for the senior barge race Regatta Day, which has been worrying the committee for some time past, has been very satisfactorily settled. Wall and Dougherty have come forward with the offer of a handsome cup, to go to the winner of the event, and to be won outright, becoming the property of the successful club.

The senior race is the one in which the visiting Alameda crew will compete, and the question of an adequate prize has been a puzzle. The committee was not long enough in funds to make the purchase, and the generous offer of the local jewelers is more than acceptable.

H. F. Wichman and Co., has also offered a cup, but as yet it has not been determined for which race it will be offered.

It is a great deal better to be disappointed in love than to be disappointed in marriage.

TROUBLE BREWED IN A. A. U. POT

Boat Club Representative Tries To Have Three Organizations Read Out of the H. A. A. A., But Fails in the Attempt

A somewhat tempestuous cup of tea was brewed in the A. A. U. pot yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called primarily for the election of officers of the H. A. A. A. for the coming year, but the club delegates were so busy discussing matters of policy, and trying some new methods of verbal hair pulling that they didn't have time to do any balloting. The pangs of hunger asserted themselves shortly after 6 o'clock, and a motion to adjourn until Tuesday, the 24th, met with universal approval.

The greater part of the meeting was taken up with talk of the eligibility of certain clubs now belonging to the association, for membership. Finally it came to an open showdown, when A. T. Longley, representing the Healan Yacht and Boat Club, made a motion that the Trail and Mountain Club, the Outrigger Club and the Y. M. C. A. be dropped from the rolls. No one voiced a second, and the plan for eviction died a natural death.

This attempt to read the three clubs out of organized athletics was the sensation of the meeting. It grew out of a long-standing complaint of the boating men that the balance of power in A. A. U. matters was held by delegates from clubs which took little or no active interest in the sports. For example, in the matter of a swimming meet, the T. and M. Club would have an equal vote with either the Healan's, Myrtles or Hul Nalus as to the arrangement of the program, rules, etc.

Longley wanted to know what license the Trail and Mountain organization had to call itself an athletic club, and there was a general snicker when the reply came that it "had an A. A. U. sanction for a walking race." That walking race sanction is getting to be somewhat of a joke, and even Longley, in the white heat of his reform campaign, saw the humor of it. The Prize List Dispute.

The much-mooted question of cash prizes for Regatta Day came up for discussion, and the delegates argued round in a circle and met themselves coming back again. While it was generally admitted that the A. A. U. had no jurisdiction over rowing, its local representative body, the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic Association, undoubtedly has jurisdiction over the rowing clubs affiliated with it for the purposes of other sports. The Triplets must keep its hands off the Hawaiian Rowing Association, but it can talk like a father to the Healan's, Myrtles, Puunene and Hul Nalu Clubs. The upshot of yesterday's discussion was the appointment of a committee of three from the H. A. A. A. to confer with the Hawaiian Rowing Association and suggest to the latter body the great desirability of cutting all cash prizes off the regatta list, and substituting trophies, not only in word but in fact. In other words, to plead with the Rowing Association not to let any winners see the color of hard cash. This, of course, would in any event apply only to the canoe, whaleboat and sailing races, there being nothing but cups up for the rowing men.

The committee to which this delicate mission was intrusted is composed of A. T. Longley, Healan's; W. T. Rawlins, Hul Nalus; John F. Sober, Myrtles.

"Speaking for one member of the Rowing Association committee," said J. B. Lightfoot, secretary of the association, this morning. "I will say that I believe the association will be very glad to confer with this committee, and to meet it half way in any reasonable request. The three men whom I understand have been appointed are all reasonable men, who know what they are talking about. I think we can all get together."

OAHU EAGLES LOSE TO PEARL CITY.

After a hard played baseball game, the Pearl City team won out over the Oahu Eagles by a score of 6 to 4. The game was played at Alea on noon last Sunday.

The line-up of the winning team was as follows:
Heine, c-s; B. Christiansen, p; M. Schwank, 1b; Klich, 2b; I. Fernandez, 3b; Raymon, ss-r; Yano, lf; Minna, rf; P. Peppeler, cf; P. Christiansen, c.

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BOATING PILGRIMS IN HONOLULU
The Alamedas after a trial spin. Left to right—(Standing—Hesse, Somers, Thorning, Kiser, Nielsen; (Seated) Brampton, Kijin (cox). Lewis, Hacke (sub).

VISITORS ARE IN STRICT TRAINING AND HAVE BROUGHT THEIR OWN DRINKING WATER WITH THEM

If the Alameda crew goes home minus a cup and a championship, it will not be by reason of any lack of systematic work or preliminary precautions. Certainly the men from the north are not overlooking anything that might increase their chances of winning by fair and sportsmanlike means, and their showing in the short time that they have been here is impressive, to state the case conservatively.

The Alamedans are in strict training. No member of the crew is allowed even a dip in the ocean after work, and the shower or the tub is all that he can hope for in the way of bathing refreshment. With the velvety waters of the harbor within splashing distance it's a sore temptation for the Coast boys to lose their footing on the pontoon and tumble in, but yesterday they resisted the temptation, and obeyed orders to the letter.

"We have come 2100 miles to row this race," said E. B. Thorning, president of the Alameda Boat Club, and it would be foolish for us to take any chance that might even possibly decrease our chances of winning. I had a swim myself this morning, and I know just how good the water is, and how easy it would be to fool around in it for any length of time. Swimming takes it out of rowing men, and its easier and better to keep them out of the water altogether than to try to limit the time of a bath, or anything of that sort. After the races are over you can be sure that all the boys will enjoy island swimming up to the limit. They will have ten days to make up for lost time in, and if I know them at all I think they will more than even the score."

Brought Drinks.
Neither are the Alamedans going to take any chances with diet or change of water. They couldn't very well bring their own food along, but they could pack their drinking water, and they did—sixty gallons of it. Huge bottles of distilled water were landed at the Young school after the oarsmen themselves put in an appearance yesterday morning, and when the athletes sat down to their first meal in Honolulu they took pains to see that they were being served with their own special brand of H₂O. As the Alamedans explain it, there is nothing so apt to put a man in training off condition, as a change of water. They were coming along ways, into a strange climate, with too little time to acclimatize themselves thoroughly, and therefore they wish to keep conditions as nearly as possible the same as in their home town. They will make no experiments with their diet, and they will drink the same water that they have been used to all along. They figure that the sixty gallons will last them until after the races, and further deponent sayeth not. No one is worrying much over the water question for Regatta Monday.

The Alameda six expect to do their boat work in the evenings, but yesterday they were out in their barge both morning and afternoon. After their long spell aboard ship, away from all oars except those attached to a rowing machine, they couldn't get onto their slides quick enough, and the half hour that they spent on the water was a great thing for the visitors. It showed every man that he was just as good as when he left San Francisco, and therefore it took the mental as well as the physical kinks out of the crowd.

Yesterday morning the crew didn't make the full course, but they went far enough into the harbor entrance to get a taste of what that end of the course might be like with a small sea running. All the rowing men had their timetables out, to see whether the visitors really hit up a 40 stroke, and the clockers after counting the dip of the flashing blades for 30 seconds found that the crew was varying from 18 to 20 at different times during the row, making 36 to 40 strokes a minute.

This seems like a very fast clip, in the locals, who row in the neighborhood of 30, but then, it was very apparent that the Alamedans have an entirely different stroke to the locals.

MAUI BOWLERS TO GO AGAINST 'Y' TOMORROW

Return Match Will Be Played Wednesday Evening as Regatta Day Evening as First Planned

The return rolling match between the Puunene and local "Y" rollers will take place tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock, instead of Saturday, after the regatta. Win or lose on the water, the Puunenes don't feel like tying themselves down for a night's work, so they suggested a play-off before Regatta Day, and the new arrangement is very satisfactory to the locals.

The match will be five games total pins, between five-man teams. With the exception of Frank, who takes Wilkinson's place, the Y. M. C. A. team will be the same one that was defeated by the Puunenes at the time of the Maui Harvest Home festival last month. The men who will try to get back lost laurels are Gear, Rietow, White, Fries and Dyson. The Puunene team will be selected from the following men, who are good rollers as well as oarsmen: Dinet, Bal, Chillingworth, Scholtz, Larkin, Veseliet and Beal.

The Y. M. C. A. alleys are by no means in finished condition, but they will serve the purpose. Extensive improvements are now in progress, and the work on the runways is not entirely completed, but the drives themselves, while not in the best possible shape should be fast enough and true enough to reward good rolling.

boaters yesterday afternoon. The water is four feet shorter than the sixes used here, and with the men in, it shows but little freeboard. The chop at the channel mouth came in with discouraging frequency yesterday, and a good deal of water was shipped. It is quite possible that the Alamedans will take a spin in one of the Healan's boats this afternoon, probably the new one, and if they like it better than their own they may borrow it for the big race.

The Healan's will probably row Saturday as they lined up in the boat last night, although there is no certainty about it. Here is the way the Blue and White took the water yesterday:

Senior Crew—F. W. Wichman, stroke; George Wilkinson, No. 3; Elmer Nichols, No. 4; Dick Sullivan, No. 5; Oswald Lightfoot, No. 2; Charlie Brown, No. 1.
Junior crew—Joe Healan, stroke; Spencer Bowen, No. 5; McTigue, No. 4; "Sam Hill" Hardesty, No. 3; Cecil Rickard, No. 2; Willie Gans, No. 1.
Freshman crew—A. J. Kroll, stroke; George McKinley, No. 5; H. S. Derby, No. 4; Elmer Muntz, No. 3; D. B. Kahna, No. 2; A. E. Rowat, No. 1.

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